

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eight accomplished public servants are being
2 honored by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus on February 28 as
3 recipients of a 2011 Trailblazer Award; and

4 WHEREAS, This notable accolade is given to individuals who
5 ably served the citizens of this state as members of the Texas House
6 and who also shared their valuable insight and wisdom through their
7 participation in the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; this year's
8 outstanding honorees include former state representatives Fred
9 Blair (1987-1993), Lanell Cofer (1977-1983), Zan W. Holmes, Jr.
10 (1968-1973), Samuel Hudson III (1973-1997), Jesse Jones
11 (1993-2007), Jerald H. Larry (1987-1993), Jesse D. Oliver
12 (1983-1987), and Paul Ragsdale (1973-1987); and

13 WHEREAS, Among this distinguished roster of state
14 legislators are the Honorable Samuel Hudson and the Honorable Paul
15 Ragsdale who, together with the Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Eddie
16 Bernice Johnson, Anthony Hall, Mickey Leland, Craig Washington, and
17 G. J. Sutton, formed the Texas Legislative Black Caucus in 1973 as
18 a means by which to address issues faced by African Americans across
19 the Lone Star State; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of their exemplary tenure in state
21 government, each of the 2011 Trailblazers made many significant
22 contributions to the betterment of life in their communities and
23 beyond, and they opened doors of opportunity and empowered
24 countless people through their commitment toward achieving the goal

1 of a more just and equitable society; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Fred Blair, Lanell Cofer, Zan
4 W. Holmes, Jr., Samuel Hudson III, Jesse Jones, Jerald H. Larry,
5 Jesse D. Oliver, and Paul Ragsdale on their receipt of a 2011
6 Trailblazer Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and
7 commend these inspiring leaders for the profound difference they
8 have made in the lives of their fellow Texans; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the honorees as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 654

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 654 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House